Reduction in staff strength of MTNL

3821. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reduce the staff strength of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, shortly;

(b) the present staff strength of MTNL;

(c) the percentage of staff to be reduced under the proposed reduction; and

(d) by when this is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

(b) The staff strength of MTNL as on 31.12.2001 was 59021 personnel.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Foreign capital investment in Communications and Information Technology Industry

†3822. SHRI KAPIL SIBBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign capital has been invested in the country's Communications and Information Technology Industries;

(b) if so, the foreign capital invested separately in said industries by the end of March 2002; and

(c) the capital invested in establishing telephone systems and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.